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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MASAYOSHI FUKATSU, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/621,345	)	
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Filed: July 18, 2003	)	
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For: SHEET PROCESSING DEVICE WITH	)	September 15, 2003
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

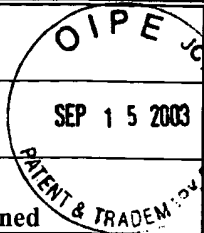
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